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10/563,946

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January 10, 2006

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GEROLD DILLMANN et al.

Art Unit

1746

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Firm Name

William D. Breneman, Esq.; BRENEMAN &amp; GEORGES

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## Complete if Known

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## 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

## Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)

Small Entity Fee (\$)

50

25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims

360

180

## Total Claims

## Extra Claims

## Fee (\$)

## Fee Paid (\$)

## Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

- 20 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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## Indep. Claims

## Extra Claims

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Name (Print/Type)	William D. Breneman, Esq.		Date June 8, 2007

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Group Art Unit: 1746

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For: FRICTIONAL DAMPER ESPECIALLY FOR CYLINDER WASHING MACHINES

June 8, 2007

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**PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP**

Honorable Commissioner of  
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Assignee AWECO APPLIANCE SYSTEMS GMBH & CO. KG respectfully requests pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 and 35 U.S.C. Section 116 an amendment to correct inventorship by adding Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen as a co-inventor. This petition is based on the following information and documents:

1. The proper inventors are Mr. Gerold Dillmann, Mr. Kurt Wallerstorfer and Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen. Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen was

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inadvertently omitted through error and without deceptive intent.

2. A Declaration of Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen is appended as Exhibit A confirming in paragraph 6 that his omission was a result of an error that occurred without deception on his part. The Declaration of Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen also describes the circumstances that resulted in the error.

3. Declaration of Mr. Gerold Dillmann (Exhibit B) and Mr. Kurt Wallerstorfer (Exhibit C) are also included and describe the circumstances and the differences in U.S. and foreign laws which contributed to the error.

4. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by all the true inventors as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 is appended as Exhibit D.

5. A Power of Attorney by Assignee AWECO APPLIANCE SYSTEMS GMBH & CO. KG was previously filed on September 8, 2006.

6. A written consent of the Assignee AWECO APPLIANCE SYSTEMS GMBH & CO. KG will be filed under a separate LETTER.

7. A processing fee of \$130.00 as required under 37 C.F.R.

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1.17(i) is included herewith.

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amount which may be required now or hereafter relative to this  
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Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

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DECLARATION OF MR. BA LOC NGUYEN

Honorable Commissioner of  
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, Mr. BA LOC NGUYEN residing at Schulstrasse 10, D-88099 Neukirch, Germany and an employee of the Assignee AWECO APPLIANCE SYSTEMS GMBH & CO. KG declare as follows:

1. I have reviewed the subject matter of German Priority Application 103 31 403.2 upon which PCT/DE 2004/001503 and U.S. Application S.N. 10/563,946 is based and participated as a co-inventor of the subject matter described therein.

2. I was not a member of the original team made up of Mr. Gerold Dillmann and Mr. Kurt Wallerstorfer who first began work on the invention. My work was in the laboratory testing and later contributing to the ideas of Mr. Gerold Dillmann and Mr.

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Kurt Wallerstorfer.

3. Due to the fact that I was not part of the original team and the fact my contributions were not specifically recorded, my supervisor Dr. Eichholtz was not aware of my contribution to the invention.

4. As a result the filing of PCT/DE2004/001503 did not include my name as a co-inventor.

5. My supervisor Dr. Eichholtz later learned of my contribution to the invention and in around May, 2006 legal advice was sought to correct my omission as an inventor.

6. My omission as a co-inventor was a result of error that occurred without deception on my part.

7. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified U.S. patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 08.01.2007

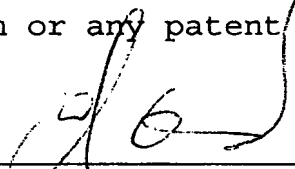
  
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Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen



Exhibit B

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**DECLARATION OF MR. GEROLD DILLMANN**

Honorable Commissioner of  
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, Mr. GEROLD DILLMANN residing at Vogesenstrasse 13, D-88239 Wangen, Germany and an employee of the Assignee AWECO APPLIANCE SYSTEMS GMBH & CO. KG declare as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor of German Priority Application 103 31 403.2 upon which PCT/DE 2004/001503 and U.S. Patent Application S.N. 10/563,946 are based.

2. I have limited knowledge of patent practice outside of Germany since in Germany inventions belong to the company and are generally filed only in the name of the company.

3. I and the other co-inventor Mr. Kurt Wallerstorfer were



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part of the original team responsible for the subject matter of the German Priority Application 103 31 403.2, PCT/DE 2004/001503 which finally resulted in U.S. Application S.N. 10/563,946.

During development work on the invention in the laboratory we worked with Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen who later contributed to the invention.

4. In or about January, 2006, I was presented with a Declaration and Power of Attorney listing only myself and Mr. Kurt Wallerstorfer as co-inventors which I read and signed on January 23, 2006 believing that we were the only two inventors since the original investigation of the identity of the inventors had been considered by our supervisor Dr. Eichholtz and Eisele, Otten, Roth & Dobler.

5. I am advised and therefore believe my executed Declaration and Power of Attorney was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 10, 2006 and that thereafter on May 24, 2006 legal advice was sought in the United States to begin the process of gathering the facts and information to correct the omission of Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen as a co-inventor.

6. The omission of Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen as a co-inventor occurred as a result of an error that occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

7. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 18. April 2007

  
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Mr. Gerold Dillmann

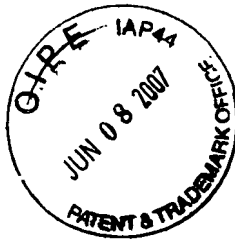


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**DECLARATION OF MR. KURT WALLERSTORFER**

Honorable Commissioner of  
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, Mr. KURT WALLERSTORFER residing at Irrsdorf 130, A-5204  
Strasswalchen, Austria and an employee of the Assignee AWECO  
APPLIANCE SYSTEMS GMBH & CO. KG declare as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor of German Priority Application 103 31  
403.2 upon which PCT/DE 2004/001503 and U.S. Patent Application  
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outside of Germany or Austria since in Germany and Austria  
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3. I and the other co-inventor Mr. Gerold Dillmann were part of the original team responsible for the subject matter of the German Priority Application 103 31 403.2, PCT/DE 2004/001503 which finally resulted in U.S. Application S.N. 10/563,946. During development work on the invention in the laboratory we worked with Mr. Ba Loc Nguyen who later contributed to the invention.

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Dated: 19.4.1007

  
Mr. Kurt Wallerstorfer

# Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application Erklärung für Patentanmeldungen mit Vollmacht



## German Language Declaration

Als nachstehend benannter Erfinder erkläre ich hiermit an Eides  
Statt: GEROLD DILLMANN, Vogesenstrasse 13, D-88239 Wangen, Germany, KURT WALLERSTORFER, Irrsdorf

130, A-5204 Strasswalchen, Austria and BA LOC NGUYEN, Schulstrasse 10, D-88099 Neukirch, Germany  
daß mein Wohnsitz, meine Postanschrift und meine  
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Miterfinder (falls nachstehend mehrere Namen aufgeführt sind)  
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den ein Patent für die Erfindung mit folgendem Titel beantragt  
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TROMMELWASCHMASCHINEN

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated  
next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one  
name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if  
plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is  
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the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following  
box is checked:

☒ was filed on January 10, 2006  
as United States Application Number or PCT  
International Application Number PCT/DE2004/001503  
as USSN 10/563,946 and was amended on  
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deren Beschreibung hier beigelegt ist, es sei denn (in diesem  
Falle Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen), diese Erfindung

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Prior Foreign Applications  
(Frühere ausländische Anmeldungen)

103 31 403.2      Germany  
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(Nummer)      (Land)

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PCT/DE2004/001503      9 July 2004

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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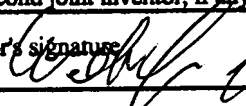
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